President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 13,745 for payment to the Trivandrum Municipality towards water tax in respect of the Public Offices and allied buildings for the years from 1111 to 1114 M. E. be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMANDS XXI—AYURVEDA.

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,985 under Demand XXI—Ayurveda, for the construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College. Insufficiency of accommodation for the Government Ayurveda College has long been felt. It was housed in the Ammavagai Buildings at Puthenchanthai and with the opening of an additional class for teaching poison treatment, the question of accommodation for the College became rather very acute. So, it was proposed to shift the college to the Goverument Bex Hill Bungalow and its premises near the Mint opposite the Ophthalmic hospital. The bungalow itself does not provide accommodation for all the classes. It was therefore decided to put up two temporary sheds on its premises. The walls of the sheds have been so constructed that they can support the weight of a permanent roof later on. The temporary sheds can be converted into permanent structures when more money becomes available. The grant now asked for is on account of the expenditure for the construction of the temporary sheds. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will not the amount required for constructing temporary sheds and then converting them into permanent ones be greater than that for the construction of permanent sheds?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Additional money will have of course to be spent for the conversion of temporary sheds into permanent ones.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether it will not be possible to construct permanent buildings rather than temperory sheds and then convert them into permanent ones?

President: The hon'ble member may explain what portion of the building is proposed to be constructed as temporary and what portion as permanent.

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Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Only the roof is proposed to be constructed as temporary.

President: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,985 under Demand XXI—Ayurveda for construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXII—FORESTS.

Mr. P. Raman Pillai (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 60,000 under Demand XXII—Forests, on account of additional expenditure under Conservancy and Works. The whole amount is intended to pay the arrear dues of the contractors for the work done during the last year.

Last year, if I am permitted to call it so, was a red letter year in the annals of the Forest Department in the matter of realisation of revenue. It was a record figure for the past many years. The Department being a quasi-commercial concern, the increase of revenue naturally carries with it the expenditure also. The expenditure we had to incur last year had to be paid necessarily this year for want of provision last year.

Several other circumstances contributed to the increase of expenditure during the year. The monopoly of royalty had to cease from 13th Edavam and all the saleable trees had to be removed from Tract No. 2 which is called the middle tract. This tract covers about one-third of the whole area of the State from one end to the other. With the limited staff and provision, the department had to strain every nerve and exert extra pressure to complete the work in time. The quantity of timber that was removed during this period was in excess of the anticipated figure by over two lakhs. Side by side with this we had to remove teak trees from an area of 700 acres which had to be surrendered to the Edapalli Chief since that area happened to fall in Tract No. 2. This amounted to nearly one lakh seventy thousand cubic feet.

In view of the extensive development in the electric transmission and distribution and the extension of the main Telephone Trunk Line, the department had to supply a large number of teak saplings to meet the increasing demand. Over 45,000 cubic feet of timber and 25,000 saplings had to be collected from the plantations to meet this demand. As per the requisition of the Development Director for the demonstration of engineering designs and construction of competitive structures of ascu treated timbers the department had to supply large quantities of timber. These works

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